Sri Janardhana Swamy Temple, Yermal, Udupi, Karnataka

Location, Address, Phone Number, etc.

The Sri Janardhana Swamy Temple (also known as Sri Janardhana Temple or Yermal Janardhana Temple) is located in Yermal (also spelled Yermal Thenka or Bada Yermal) village, along the Mangalore-Udupi Highway (NH-66), in Udupi District, Karnataka.
It is a serene coastal Vishnu shrine near Padubidri.

Address: Sri Janardhana Swamy Temple, Yermal Palace Road, Bada Yermal, Yermal Post, Udupi District, Karnataka - 574119.

Phone Number: Not widely listed publicly; inquiries can be made locally or through nearby Padubidri tourism contacts.

Website/Email: No official website; information available via local tourism sites like udupidarshan.com.

How to Get There

By Road: On NH-66 between Mangalore (30 km south) and Udupi (25 km north). Frequent KSRTC/private buses from Mangalore, Udupi, or Padubidri (5 km). Taxis/autos easily available.

By Train: Nearest stations: Padubidri (5 km) or Mulki (10 km); major stop Udupi Railway Station (25 km).

By Air: Mangalore International Airport (IXE) – 35 km (45-60 min by cab).

Best Time: October-March (pleasant coastal weather); avoid monsoons.

Greatness of This Temple, History and Legends

The Sri Janardhana Swamy Temple is an ancient Vishnu shrine believed to be over 1000 years old, with deep ties to the Dvaita philosophy.
It uniquely houses two idols of Lord Janardhana: the original swayambhu Adhi Janardhana Swamy and the current main idol (Gopi Chandana Murthy) installed by Sri Madhvacharya (founder of Dvaita Vedanta) about 800 years ago.

Legend: According to tradition, Sri Madhvacharya discovered the idols (including those now at Udupi Krishna and Malpe Vadabhandeshwara) in a shipwreck or through divine revelation.

He installed the beautiful Gopi Chandana-coated idol here, making it a significant site for Madhva followers. The temple symbolizes preservation of Vaishnava tradition and attracts devotees for peace, prosperity, and spiritual upliftment.

Architecture

The temple follows traditional coastal Karnataka style with a simple yet elegant structure, tiled roofs, and wooden elements.
The sanctum is serene, housing the dual idols in a peaceful setting surrounded by greenery.

Main Deity Here and Subdeities

Main Deity: Lord Janardhana Swamy (form of Vishnu) – two idols:
Adhi Janardhana (ancient original).
Gopi Chandana Murthy Janardhana (installed by Madhvacharya, adorned with sacred clay).

Subdeities: Minor shrines for associated devatas like Garuda, Hanuman, and others typical in Vaishnava temples.

Daily Poojas and Rituals and Their Charges

Timings: Typically 6:00 AM–12:00 PM and 5:00 PM–8:00 PM (approximate)

Daily rituals include abhisheka, archana, naivedya, and mangalarati following Madhva tradition.
Free general darshan; nominal charges for personal offerings (Rs. 20–100).

Special Poojas, Sevas and Their Charges

Common sevas: Archana, Abhisheka, special alankara. Charges nominal (Rs. 100–500+; book at counter). Special homams or offerings on request.

Festivals

Annual Car Festival (Rathotsava): Grandly celebrated in December (around 20th), with chariot procession attracting thousands.

Other: Vaishnava festivals like Krishna Janmashtami, Vishnu-related observances.

Facilities for Devotees Such as Accommodation etc.

Basic amenities: Parking, prasadam counters.

Annadana on festival days.

No dedicated temple guest house; use nearby lodges in Padubidri or Yermal.

Donation Info, Bank Acct Numbers etc.

Donations via hundi support temple maintenance and festivals. Contact temple authorities for details.

Nearby Temples

- Padubidri Mahalingeshwara Temple (5 km).
- Udupi Sri Krishna Matha & Anantheshwara (25 km).
- Kollur Mookambika Temple (80 km).
- Malpe Vadabhandeshwara Temple (linked legendarily).

Nearby Places of Tourist Interest

- Padubidri Beach (5 km – serene blue flag beach).
- Kapu (Kaup) Beach & Lighthouse (15 km).
- Mulki River adventures (kayaking, 10 km).
- St. Mary's Islands (boating from Malpe, 30 km).

Nearby Budget Hotels

- Yermal/Padubidri area has basic options (Rs. 1,000–2,500/night):
- Hotel Janardhana (near temple, basic stays).
- Gaurika Residency or lodges in Padubidri.
- Better options in Udupi/Mangalore.

Any Other Info

Peaceful, less crowded temple ideal for quiet darshan.

Dress code: Traditional attire.

Strong Madhva connection – devotees often visit en route to Udupi Krishna.

As of December 23, 2025, normal operations.

May Lord Janardhana Swamy bless us all with eternal peace and devotion.

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Photos

Sri Janardhana Swamy

YouTube Videos

Sri Janardhana Swamy Temple, Yermal (5 min):

https://youtu.be/_I_ZHVxMoy4?si=_xao3QLF33GHvizN

Ratharohana 2025 (11 min):

https://youtu.be/wgJjPQjhimk?si=RP7gF3Z4befdMVxz

Rathotsava 2935 - Kannada (18 min);

https://youtu.be/2vQYdC4yXjo?si=Gvo8uvAkiurL3CQA

Ayana Bali rituals 2022 (1 hr 5 min):

https://youtu.be/57RezTWDiZ0?si=opUOo_08Vmlg6Ef1

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